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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING

1. UK TREASURY SOURCE SAYS THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
AT THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING WILL
CENTER AROUND AN ANNOTATED AGENDA. MAIN TOPICS WILL
BE (1) EXTENSION OF STERLING AGREEMENTS; (SEE LONDON
10425) (2) INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM, WITH SPECIAL
REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS OF COMMONWEALTH LESS DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, THIS WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF SDR-AID LINK;
(3) GATT AND FORTHCOMING TRADE TALKS; (4) EC PREFERENCE
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ARRANGEMENTS; AND (5) AT REQUEST OF SRI LANKA, SHIPPING.

2. SOURCE INDICATED THAT MEETING WOULD GENERALLY BE A TOUR D'HORIZON. THE SOLIDARITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HAS PROGRESSIVELY DIMINISHED DURING RECENT YEARS. NO NEW INITIATIVES EXPECTED. ACRIMONY, IF THERE IS ANY, MAY COME DURING DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION OF STERLING AGREEMENTS.

3 CHANCELLOR BARBER WILL LEAVE FOR MEETING DURING WEEK-END OF SEPTEMBER 15. IT BEGINS WITH RECEPTION IN DAR ES SALAAM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 FOLLOWED BY WORKING SESSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 THE CHANCELLOR AND HIS PARTY WILL FLY FROM DAR ES SALAAM TO NAIROBI.
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